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Capital Planning Minutes 08-08-2001

MEETING MEMORANDUM

In attendance were:

- * Steve Andrews
- John Bilafer
- David Kale
- John FitzMaurice
- Charles T. Foskett, Chairman
- Nancy T. Galkowski
- * Anthony T. Lionetta
- A. L. Minervini
- Barbara Thornton

Not in attendance: *

Others in Attendance: Phil Farrington, Town Manager

The Committee members welcomed David Kale, Asst. Superintendent for Business to the committee. Mr. Kale will be filling the vacancy created by John Britts retirement.

Symmes Advisory Committee (SAC) Report

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress and direction of the Symmes Advisory Committee. The Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen to advise them on the potential uses of the Symmes Hospital property.

Charlie Foskett distributed a memo from the Symmes Advisory Committee outlining the procedure to be employed in fulfilling their goals on advising the Board of Selectmen on the utilization of the Symmes Hospital property. A Special Town Meeting has been called for October 1, 2001 to vote the bonding of the acquisition. The voters overwhelmingly approved the purchase through an override last Spring. Mr. Foskett asked members for their input on the committees process.

Capital Planning Committee members indicated that they felt the process established incorporated a good working structure. They believed that it was too soon in the process to make any specific recommendations. After considerable discussion of the acquisition issues and development possibilities, they offered the following general suggestions:

1. The SAC should be sure to include the EARLY participation of as many relevant (those having purview or jurisdiction) boards and committees as possible. Examples might be the Redevelopment Board, the Finance Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, etc.
2. It was suggested that these boards and committees be part of the process providing input and guidance as well as being viewed as "approval" functionaries at the end of the process.
3. The CPC also noted that it is both appropriate and necessary for the SAC to consider as many financial and technical details as possible throughout the process, especially those details which would be of interest to various boards and committees. Examples might be traffic impact considerations for the Redevelopment Board, or current and future tax rate impact for the Finance Committee or the Treasurer.

Barbara Thornton, who has had an extensive career in city planning, indicated that she had some suggestions that she would email to the committee and SAC.

Capital Budget Process: Fiscal 2003

Nancy Galkowski handed out a draft of the packet to be distributed to the town departments for the new capital budget (FY2003) and plan (FY 2003-2007). Committee members were asked to review it and provide any feedback prior to it being finalized and distributed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2001 at 4PM.